

Remarks

No Claims have been amended.

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13-16, and 18 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 10, 11, 13-16 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,891,635 issued to Dutta (hereinafter referred to as *Dutta*), and

Claims 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dutta* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,845,058 issued to Shaw et al. (hereinafter referred to as *Shaw*)

Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Applicants submit herewith a "Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131" and "Exhibit 'A' (4 pages): Redacted Invention Disclosure Form".

The Declaration and Exhibit "A" jointly evidence that the invention was conceived and actually reduced to practice in the United States prior to November 30, 2000, which is the effective date of *Dutta* U.S. Patent (No. 6,891,635).

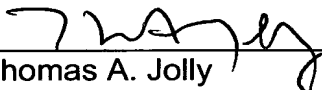
Accordingly, the *Dutta* U.S. Patent is removed as a reference inasmuch as it is not prior art.

Because *Dutta* is utilized in the rejections of all rejected claims, it is respectfully submitted that all current rejections are inappropriate and must be withdrawn.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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